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BOULEVARD APARTMENTS GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Adding 24 units of much-needed affordable housing



On December 10, 2007, I was pleased to join Father Joe Carroll at the ground breaking ceremony of the Boulevard Apartments project located at 3137 El Cajon Boulevard. Boulevard Apartments is a mixed-use project which offers 24 units of affordable housing for low income families--9 of those units are supportive housing units serving households at risk of homelessness with a disabled adult. The project also includes 2,500 square feet of commercial space and community rooms for educational programs, enrichment classes and community meetings.

Supportive services and a full continuum of housing are important to working families and those recovering from homelessness. Boulevard Apartments is anticipated to be complete by December of 2008. I would like to give special thanks to the community, especially the North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee and the Greater North Park Community Planning Committee for supporting the project. I look forward to attending the ribbon cutting in the near future.



THIRD YEAR AS BUDGET CHAIR APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

I am pleased to report that I have been re-elected by my City Council colleagues to serve another year as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. Joining me on the committee will be Councilmember Kevin Faulconer as Vice-Chair and Councilmembers Frye, Hueso, and Madaffer.

We will begin the year with three meetings in January, in large part to begin the Fiscal Year 2009 budget process. On January 9, the committee will discuss requests to the Mayor for information we hope will be provided during the budget process. The committee will also take up a recommendation by the Charter Review Committee to ask voters to adopt a requirement that the balanced budget adopted by the Council in June stay in balance throughout the fiscal year. January 9 will also include a discussion of Managed Competition, which the Mayor is ready to implement, as well as possible new approaches to the City's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

On January 16, the Mayor's office will provide an update of his Five-Year Financial Outlook, which gives us the financial backdrop against which we must develop the City's budget for next year. This will likely include a discussion of the City's financial obligations to the pension system and other long term costs and a projection of how the local economy is expected to perform in the coming year. The Mayor's office will also provide a report on their study of the level of service currently provided to the public by each City department. This study will serve as a baseline against which to measure any proposed increases or decreases included in the Mayor's proposed budget for next year, which will be released on April 15. On January 30, the committee will discuss any adjustments that may be needed to the current year's budget.

Following the release of the Mayor's proposed FY09

budget, the City Council will hold more than a month of budget hearings. The first will be a special evening meeting on April 30 to review the Library and Parks and Recreation Department budgets. As many as two hearings each week will follow until the City Council adopts the budget on June 9. The Mayor then has until June 17 to veto changes the Council made to his budget proposal with which he disagrees.

While we will receive more detail about the City's financial situation in January, it is clear that several challenges will dominate the budget process. The City continues to have an obligation to meet significant financial demands of the City pension, retiree health care, Americans with Disabilities Act mandates, and deferred maintenance and capital project needs. At the same time, a soft local housing market and other economic indicators will result in a bleaker revenue picture, although some economic sectors – such as tourism – remain strong. In Fiscal Year 2008, the Council supported the Mayor's proposals to make the City workforce as lean as possible and to reorganize many City services in order to be more efficient. The implementation of those cost-saving remedies means they offer little potential for additional belt-tightening. This may require that new solutions for closing the gap between revenues and expenditures be developed.

The City's budget is a reflection of the values and priorities of the people of San Diego and their elected representatives. Your input will help the City Council make decisions that are reflective of the desires of its citizens, therefore I encourage you to attend the budget hearings or to view them on Channel 24 or online at <http://www.sandiego.gov/citytv/webstreaming/index.shtml> and to contact me, other Councilmembers, and the Mayor to let us know your opinions.

‘Twas A BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON...

The holiday season was off to a brisk (and rainy) start with December Nights on December 7th and 8th in beautiful Balboa Park. Although it rained intermittently throughout the two-day event, over 200,000 people attended the free festivities. Earlier that week, Mayor Sanders and I hosted a press conference to acknowledge the Barona Band of Mission Indians as the Presenting Sponsor of December Nights. The Barona Tribal Chairwoman Rhonda Welch-Scalco presented the city with a \$100,000 check.

I also joined Mayor Sanders and Debbie Reed, President and CEO of SDG&E, earlier that week to light the Canopy of Lights in the Plaza de Panama – an annual exhibit of beautiful energy efficient LED lights.

I was also honored to speak at the dedication of the annual poinsettia display at the Balboa Park Botanical Building. This is the 21st year of the poinsettia display, sponsored by City Beautiful and grants from the Lindsay Fund, San Diego Foundation and individual donors. After the dedication (which was held indoors at the Casa del Prado due to rain), I had the opportunity to tour the beautiful display of poinsettias that festively decorated much of the courtyard located near the botanical gardens building.



Councilmember Atkins, Mayor Sanders and Barona Tribal Chairwoman Rhonda Welch-Scalco kick-off the City's largest holiday celebration, December Nights.



Councilmember Atkins, Senator Kehoe, City Beautiful Board Member Ruth Hayward and Park and Recreation Director Stacey LoMedico enjoy the Poinsettia opening at Balboa Park.



Council District Three Family (past and present) wishing all a happy new year!

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOSTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM



The City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department is hosting the 34th annual Christmas Tree Recycling Program, which began on December 26th and will run through January 23, 2008. This year's program will offer 16 drop-off locations available to City residents only, as well as curbside pickup for those customers with curbside yard waste collection. Residents participating in the Program should drop off trees during daylight hours. Before dropping off the tree, all trees stands, lights ornaments and other tree decoration must be removed. To view a complete list of the City's 16 drop-off locations for the Christmas Tree Recycling Program, please go to the Environmental Services Department website at www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/.

REVERSE 911: REGISTER YOUR CELL PHONE



City of San Diego residents can register their cellular phones to receive emergency alerts – such as an evacuation notice – from the city's Reverse 911 system. Go to www.sandiego.gov/ohs/reverse911/index.shtml. Residents will need to provide their cell phone number, home address and e-mail address.

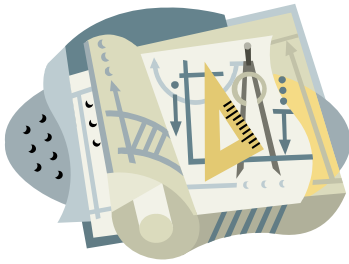
The County of San Diego also offers an outstanding webpage on disaster preparedness. You can visit that page at: www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/ready/. You can sign up for the County's Reverse 911 system by visiting www.sdcounty.ca.gov/oes/ready/signup.html.

DIAL 511 FOR ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

Did you know that you can now dial 511 for Roadside Assistance on our roads and highways? If you get stranded in a non-emergency situation, you may use your cell phone to dial 511 to be connected to the Call Box Answer Center for assistance. To find out more about this, visit SANDAG's 511 web site at <http://www.511sd.com/>.



KENSINGTON TERRACE AT CITY COUNCIL



Next month, the City Council will be considering a development for Adams Avenue known as Kensington Terrace, located between Marlborough Drive and Edgeware Road.

Kensington Terrace is a mixed-use development consisting of 16,255 square feet of office space, 16,550 square feet of retail space, 19,614 square feet of residential space and includes open corner plazas, a central courtyard, new sidewalks without curb cuts, new trees on all sides of the project, widening and landscaping of the alley behind the project and subterranean parking. The project was approved by the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Committee with a vote of 9-0-0 on October 10, 2007, the Planning Commission with a vote of 5-1-0 on November 15, 2007 and is coming before City Council for a final decision on Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

Both the developer and the opposition have created websites regarding the Kensington Terrace Project. The developer's website can be located at www.KensingtonTerrace.com and the opposition's website can be viewed at www.KensingtonTerrace.info.

I am interested to hear your thoughts on this project and encourage you to contact all of the Council Offices with your opinions. Input from citizens is an important part of the legislative process, and I will consider your opinion when the project comes before the City Council.

SANDAG SR-15 MID-CITY BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) STATIONS WORKING GROUP

On November 27, 2007, I hosted the first meeting of the I-15 Mid City Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Stations Working Group in the community room at the Metro Center in City Heights. Following a decision by Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) earlier last year, the Working Group was formed to assist in the process.

Last year, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol decided that freeway (at-grade) median stations, which was envisioned as part of the SR-15 corridor through Mid-City, would not be acceptable from a freeway safety perspective. Their concerns were based on problems experienced in Los Angeles with a similar station design. Subsequently, I established a working group made up of committee leaders to discuss alternative design concepts for these two BRT stations. The Working Group will work with SANDAG, Caltrans, MTS, and the City of San Diego in the development of the stations redesign.

In addition, I have selected City Heights resident, Steve Russell, to serve as chair of this Working Group. Other members include the City Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC).

I will be monitoring the progress of the Community Working Group which, along with agency staff, will develop the station design alternative(s) by summer of 2008 so that they can be analyzed

through an appropriate environmental process. The environmental process would be followed by final design and construction, with the potential of building and opening the stations in conjunction with the introduction of entire SR-15 BRT service (Escondido to downtown San Diego) in 2012.

The Working Group will be meet twice a month. The next meeting will take place on January 15th from 6:30– 8:30 pm. in the community room at the Metro Center located at 3910 University Avenue. All meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions or would like to be

placed on the mailing list, please contact Barrow Emerson, the SANDAG Project Manager, at (619) 699-1961 or Jeffery Tom in my office at (619) 236-6633. Up to date information can also be found at the City Heights CDC website, www.centerlinetransit.com.



VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR

On Wednesday, January 9, 2008, the LGBT Community Leadership Council is hosting the Third Annual Community Volunteer Fair. This event will feature over 30 LGBT and progressive organizations that provide various social, athletic, or advocacy services to the community. Members of the community are encouraged to stop by, find out a little about opportunities for volunteering in the community, and sign-up if an organization sounds like a good fit. The Volunteer Fair will be held at the San Diego [LGBT Community Center](http://www.thecentersd.org/), located at 3909 Centre Street in Hillcrest. You can find more information at <http://www.thecentersd.org/>.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING IN CITY HEIGHTS

On Thursday, December 6th, the Mid-City Division of the San Diego Police Department joined me for a holiday safety meeting and a gang awareness presentation. Community Relations Officer Pat Norris gave some excellent tips to the audience on how to stay safe during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Sergeant Martha Sainz of the San Diego Police Department's Juvenile Administration and Sergeant Alfonso Contreras of the San Diego Unified School District's Police Department made a powerful gang awareness power point presentation to educate parents. Many thanks to Captain Guy Swanger of the Mid-City Division, Officer Norris, Lieutenant Roger Howes, Sergeant Sainz, Sergeant Contreras, Detective John Minto, Mid-City Neighborhood Prosecutor Kristin Beattie from the City Attorney's office, Executive Director of the City of San Diego's Commission on Gang Prevention & Intervention Lynn Sharpe-Underwood and the Stonewall Citizen's Patrol for attending the meeting and their commitment to keep the residents of San Diego safe.



NEW BUS SHELTERS IN CITY HEIGHTS

My most sincere thanks to the City Heights Business Association for installing 5 new bus shelters in the neighborhood.

They can be found in the following locations:

- Northeast side of Fairmount and University
- Southeast side of Fairmount and University
- Northeast side of Marlborough and University
- Southeast side of Marlborough and University
- Southwest side of 38th and University

Funding for twenty more shelters has been approved by the City Heights Project Area Committee. Locations for those will be determined by the amount of riders at each bus stop.

Again, my thanks to the City Heights Business Association their work to make City Heights a friendlier place to wait for public transit!



Councilmember Atkins joined by staff and board members of the City Heights Business Association for (CHBA).

NEW WEBPAGE FOR THE GREATER GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



The Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation's (GGHCDC) Executive Director, Rosemary Downing, recently announced that the GGHCDC has a new website! The organization's website is now located at www.GoldenHillCDC.org. This webpage is a great link to all of the events taking place in the community and issues facing the community, including this year's Old House Fair.

The GGHCDC's mission is to unify and empower the neighborhood's residents, property owners and business people to bring about physical improvement while preserving the historic and unique character of the Golden Hill community and fostering cultural, educational and economic opportunities in order to improve the quality of life in Greater Golden Hill. This group meets at 6:30pm on the third Thursday of each month at the Moose Lodge, located at 1648 Date Street. The GGHCDC can be reached at (619) 696-9992.

WARD CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK: RESTROOM UPDATE

Park Planning staff met with the contractor, Heffler Company Incorporated, and field engineering staff in December 2007 to complete the permitting process in order to initiate the construction process of the Ward Canyon Neighborhood Park restrooms. The new restroom facility, which will be located adjacent to the playground, is prefabricated off-site. The contract allows 90-working days to complete the project. The anticipated date of completion of this project is May 2008. The contractor will start the concrete and utility work shortly before the restroom is scheduled to be delivered to minimize the impact on the park.

If you would like more information about this project, please contact Barry Kelleher, Park Designer, Project Manager at (619) 525-8286.

30TH STREET TRANSMISSION LINE UPDATE

Great news! The new undergrounded transmission line was energized on Dec 6, 2007! The existing overhead line is currently de-energized and ready for removal. Staff estimates that removal of the overhead transmission line will begin mid-January 2008. Staff expects the entire overhead transmission line and all of the transmission line poles to be removed in March 2008, pending any unexpected issues that could delay completion by a few weeks. Please call my office if you have any questions about this matter. I will continue to update you on the undergrounding progress.

BIRNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOSTS CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBIT



Birney Elementary School librarian, Mrs. Norma Gray, has been educating students about the importance of water conservation by showcasing winning posters from the annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Open to all first through sixth grade students in the City of San Diego, this fun and educational contest was established in 2000 to teach children the importance of water and how to use it wisely. Each year, the contest judges select three winning posters from each grade as "winners." All eighteen winning posters from the contest will be displayed throughout San Diego school libraries, auditoriums, and cafeterias, including University Heights' Birney Elementary. The poster display is meant to inspire students to participate in next year's contest and motivate them to start saving water at an early age.

DEMOLITION PERMITS

According to current City regulations, historical structures over 45 years old are required to prepare a screening for potential historical value if the structure is proposed to be demolished or substantially altered. The City's Development Services Department, in conjunction with the Historical Resources Board (HRB) staff, determines whether or not future historical study of a property is needed. If evidence of potential historical significance is found, the site is scheduled for a hearing at the HRB to determine if a historical designation is warranted. If the site is designated, any proposal to significantly modify or demolish it will be subject to a discretionary permit, including public hearings and environmental review.

Community groups throughout District Three have expressed concerns that over the years, old homes, churches, and commercial buildings have been demolished (in some cases literally overnight!) to the surprise of neighbors and community groups.

In response to widespread concerns regarding this process, I requested that the Mayor's office look at options that will provide notification to communities pending demolition permits. I have requested that the following options be analyzed

- Public notification early in the development process or during the application process;
- Public notice of a pending demolition permit during the preliminary review stage;
- Require that the demolition process is a discretionary action.

I am pleased to announce that the City Council Land Use and Housing Committee will discuss this issue on January 23, 2008. The meeting will take place at 2:00 P.M. and will be held on the 12th Floor of the City Administration Building, 202 "C" Street, San Diego, CA 92101. I encourage interested members of the community to attend and look forward to hearing your comments.

TALMADGE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DISCOVERY SEARCH

The Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District (TMAD) is looking to identify the oldest home built in the community - that would mean the house that was among the first to be built within Talmadge. Additionally, they know of at least one house that was built in the late 1800's elsewhere and moved here. Also as part of the search, they would like to identify the oldest house that was built outside of Talmadge and moved here. If you know anything about either search, please feel free to send an email to: ckaminski@ucsd.edu or JRoyal@gesonline.com.

HILLCREST CLEAN T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More)



From November 2005 through January of 2007 dozens of committed community members met on the first and third Sundays of each month to clean the sidewalks and gutters of Hillcrest. Thanks to the help of the Hillcrest Centennial and the Hillcrest Town Council, the T.E.A.M is ready to start sweeping again. The next clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, January 12 from 9 a.m. to noon. The meeting place will be just south of University and Park Blvd in front of the Egyptian Building. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact my office.

District Three Neighborhood Meetings

City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: info@azaleapark.org.

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: (619) 285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. Contact: (619) 584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com.

Mid-City Rotary Club: Meets every Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Pearson Ford Regional Transportation Center, 4001 El Cajon Blvd.

Contact: Eveardo.Aguilar@sdcountry.ca.gov

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at Flo-Jo Elementary, 4271 Myrtle Avenue. Contact: (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: rebecca@bairfinancial.com.

Teralta Concerned Citizens Association: Meets every 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm at the Fairmount Community Church, 4100 Fairmount Avenue.

Contact: (619)584-2360

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets the first Thursday of the month at 4283 El Cajon Blvd. at 6:00pm. Contact: (619) 283-7815.

Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Moose Lodge, 1648 30th Street, beginning at 6:30pm. Contact: (619) 696-9992.

Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: (619) 280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: dbyrne4bna@cox.net.

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the North Park Main Street offices, 3076 University Avenue.

Contact: info@northparksd.org

South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held quarterly. For information or future meeting dates, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at samkeen@cox.net or Connie McDonough at conniemcdonough@cox.net.

Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm.

Uptown

Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association: meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at St. Paul's Community Care Center located at 328 Maple Street. Entry is through the parking lot on the west side of the building. Contact: EucalyptusAlert@aol.com

Hillcrest Town Council: meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30—8:30pm at Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Avenue, Uptown District Shopping Center next to Aladdin Restaurant. Contact: (619) 260-1929 or www.hillcresttowncouncil.com.

District Three

Community Meetings & Staff Information

MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 a.m. Contact: 619/282-7329.

City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8 a.m. at the Metro Career Center Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Phone: 619/516-2282.

El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard Meets the third Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m. Contact: 619/283-3608.

Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00 p.m. Contact: 619/299-3330.

North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:30 a.m. Contact: 619/294-2501.

MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

North Park Project Area Committee

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Contact: Gayle Richardson, Chair, at 619/291-4833.

City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave. Meets the second Monday of the month, 6 p.m. Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

DISTRICT THREE STAFF

Denise Price, Chief of Staff.

Dale Kelly Bankhead, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance. Communications Director; LGBT community liaison; HIV/AIDS issues.

Amy Benjamin, Council Representative to Uptown and Hillcrest. Policy issues include housing, canyon preservation, citywide land use and planning, solid waste/recycling. Staff to SANDAG Regional Planning and Housing committees.

April Chesebro, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge South Park/Golden Hill and University Heights; Constituent Services Representative to North Park, Normal Heights, South Park and Golden Hill; African-American community liaison; Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and senior issues; Resolution/Proclamation Coordinator.

Pam Ison, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community. Policy issues include citywide redevelopment; business and downtown issues; school liaison and education issues; homeless, women's, youth and health issues; parks and recreation; Chargers/Qualcomm Stadium; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); newsletter; webpage.

Cheli Mohamed, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

Kim Nguyen, Council Representative to City Heights; Constituent Services Representative to Uptown.

Monica Pelaez, Press Secretary/Council Representative to North Park and Normal Heights; liaison to the Latino community; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison; Council Docket Coordinator; newsletter.

Jeffery Tom, Council Representative to Balboa Park. Staff to Metropolitan Transit System and BID Council; Policy issues include Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), libraries, infrastructure, arts and culture, energy, telecommunications, water & sewer issues.

MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.). Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair: 619/584-1203 or vdgwrl@aol.com.

City Heights Area Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue. Meets the first Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Jim Varnadore, Chair, 619/280-3910.

Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill. Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

Contact: Chris Blatt, Chair, csblatt@exateck.com

Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way. Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Vicki Granowitz, Chair, 619/584-1203, or vdgwrl@aol.com.

Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Jim Baross, Chair, JimBaross@cox.net.

Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District. Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.